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1. An estimated 200 tanks [redacted] and an undetermined number of motor vehicles were assembled at Friesecke and at the Koepfner establishment in Potsdam-Babelsberg at 7 P.M. on 15 June. 25X1

2. At about 8 A.M. on 17 June, a column of trucks was observed on the main road of Altes Lager in Doeberitz. Between 20 and 30 tanks and 15 to 20 light AT guns were on the drill grounds.

3. Between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. on 17 June, Soviet troops with about 75 T-34 tanks, about 160 armored scout cars and personnel carriers, 40 field guns, 40 light AT guns, 40 AA guns, heavy mortars and an estimated 1000 motor vehicles, moved toward Potsdam coming from the direction of Gross Glienicke.<sup>1</sup>

4. Strong troop concentrations involving heavy artillery and rocket launchers

25X1 were observed in the vicinity of Magdeburg on 19 June. Tanks and trucks were seen near the railroad station, at the district office and at the Karl Marx plant. Twenty-five tanks were believed to be located at the Herrenkrug Kaserne. The Nachrichten Kaserne and Seekt Kaserne were unoccupied.

About 80 trucks, some towing AT guns, crossed the Herrenkrug bridge at about 11 P.M. 2

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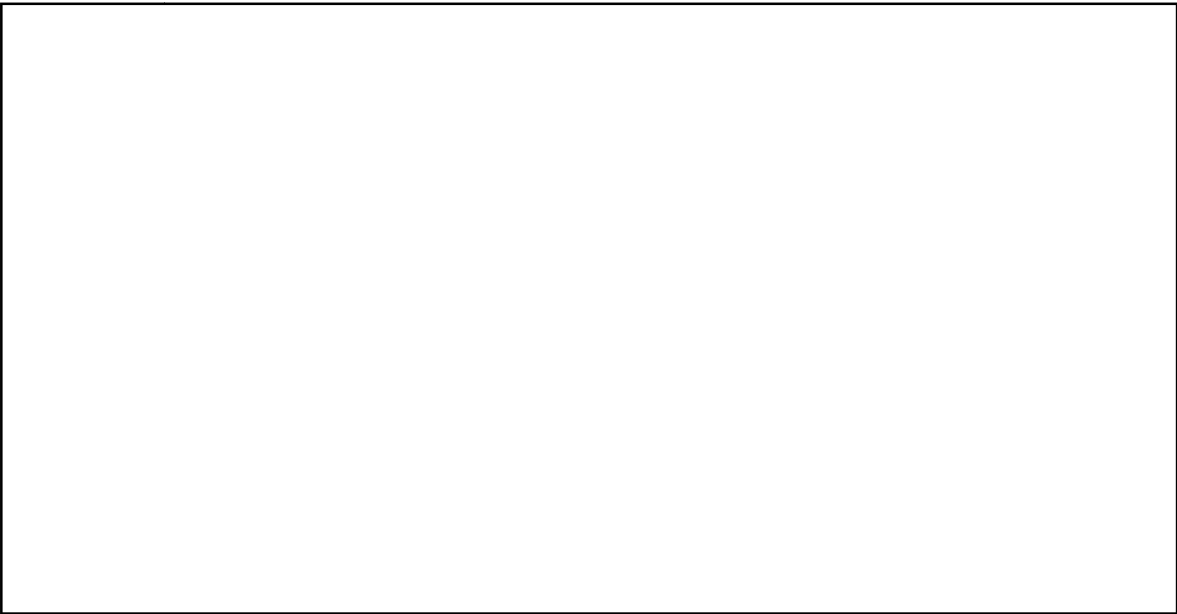
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5. On 17 June, about 5000 persons demonstrated all day in the market square in Cottbus. No riots occurred, however, and Soviet troops did not intervene.
6. All factory workers in Weissenfels were on strike at 10 A.M. on 17 June. The VP's withdrew to the police office. At 2 P.M. about 120 Soviet soldiers were drawn around the jail and police office. Calm was restored when martial law was proclaimed at 10 P.M. The workers at the Leuna and Buna plants allegedly had demanded that the government should resign by 3 P.M. on 18 June.
7. The potassium and copper mines as well as other enterprises in Mansfeld and vicinity were closed by strikes. The machine tool factory at Aschersleben was also struck. Soviet sentries were employed there.
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